Opportunities for Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) in **Georgia**

Cleaning Services and Materials

Georgia has been introducing sustainable public procurement (SPP) **since 2019**. Cleaning materials, including cleaning products (all-purpose cleaners, sanitary cleaners, hand soaps, etc.), cleaning accessories (cloths, mop heads, tissue paper, etc.) and cleaning equipment (e.g. vacuum cleaners), is one of the **product groups prioritized for SPP implementation.**[1]

Public procurement plays a major role in the economy of Georgia. In 2020, public procurement accounted for **12% of Georgia's GDP.**[2]

GDP

What are the **environmental impacts** from the **production**, **use** and **disposal of cleaning materials**[3] ❓

Release of **dangerous substances**.

Greenhouse gas emissions.

Energy and **water consumption**.

Solid and liquid **waste generation**.

Water contamination.

What are the **possible environmental**, **social** and **economic benefits** of **procuring sustainable cleaning services** and **materials**[4] ❓

1 Improved environmental and social performance, by ensuring fair working conditions and helping Georgia transition to a green economy.

2 Reduced risk to human health from exposure to dangerous substances (e.g. solvents).

3 Reduced wastewater from the production and use of cleaning materials.

4 Reduced electricity use, e.g. by using energy-efficient cleaning equipment such as vacuum cleaners.

5 Preserved natural resources, e.g. from using biodegradable or solvent-free products.

6 Reduced solid waste and end-of-life costs, e.g. by reductions in packaging; ensuring availability of refill packs.

[1] **Enhancing Public Procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy** in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. UNDA, 2019.

[2] **Enhancing Public Procurement for the regional transition to inclusive green economy** in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. UNDA, 2019.

[3, 4] **EU GPP criteria for indoor cleaning services.** European Comission, 2018.

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